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all the people of Canada consider to be of national importance. Once again it deals with the subject of national security, and we have not been able to get the information we seek.

May I preface my question by one sentence? Last night the minister said in the House as found on page 7699 of *Hansard*:

Finally, it should analyse the information as a whole, not merely from a strict police point of view but in a much wider spirit, that is, taking into consideration social, economic and political factors.

My question is: what are the political factors which the minister has in mind that will be considered by Colonel Bourne and his headless unit?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, any reference to a political, social and economic context deals of course with state institutions or the governments of a country, and by giving a narrow interpretation of the political dimension in that context the hon. member simply shows the extent of his reasoning.

[English]

Mr. Woolliams: I should like to ask a supplementary question. My interpretation may be narrow but I am trying to get the minister's interpretation of his own language. I put this to him: Will members' files, that is, secret files whose existence has been admitted in the House, be examined by this new unit, and will information contained in those files be known to this headless unit or force?

[Translation]

Mr. Goyer: Mr. Speaker, I do not accept the statement that there are files on hon. members. I have said so before and I repeat it. There is no general policy to the effect that there is a file on each member of the House.

Files are opened only when adequate and valid information is available to justify such action. That applies to all Canadians.

In the circumstances I have described, it is quite certainly out of the question for this unit to have regular and very wide access to files on Canadians. In fact, the objective is not to conduct police operations but to analyze an evolving social context in Canada.

[English]

Mr. Woolliams: In light of the investigation which is going into another matter, is it government policy to have secret paid informers on security matters in Canada giving information either to this headless group or to a group which has liaison with this headless group?

[Translation]

Mr. Goyer: It seems to me, Mr. Speaker, that I shall have to repeat myself. I say there is no question of conducting police operations. It means, therefore, that nobody will have to report to this working group. Police operations will be conducted by the security and intelligence service of the RCMP. That will not change. It is the present practice and nothing will be changed.

[Mr. Woolliams.]

[English]

CIVILIAN SECURITY FORCE—REQUEST FOR REFERENCE OF SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): In view of the statement made in the course of a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation radio interview this morning and in view of continuing questions which are being raised, would the minister not reconsider his position and agree to send this matter to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs where we could deal with it in a more orderly fashion?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I think it is very clear. If not, I am ready to answer more questions; but I delivered a speech on the matter before the Association of Police Chiefs in Calgary on September 2. I have the report of that speech which I can table if it might help hon. members to find out what are the goals of this working group. If any member wants additional information, all he has to do is ask for it.

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[English]

LABOUR RELATIONS

IMPLEMENTATION OF UNITED STATES WAGE FREEZE BY UNITED STATES-OWNED CANADIAN CORPORATIONS

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister in relation to two companies, Douglas Aircraft of Toronto and Chrysler Canada Limited of Windsor. Is the government aware that Douglas Aircraft has refused to make a wage offer and that Chrysler Canada Limited of Windsor has refused to implement a wage increase already agreed upon on the ground, the unions were told, that there is a wage freeze in the United States?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker, I was not aware of this but I will certainly inquire into the situation.

Mr. Lewis: Would the Acting Prime Minister assure the House, and indeed the people of Canada, that the Canadian government will inform the companies concerned that this country will not tolerate the importing of wage freezes from another country to be imposed against Canadian workers, and that these companies must not import United States policy into Canadian wage negotiations?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I can assure the leader of the New Democratic Party that it is not necessary to inform these companies. Everyone in this country knows that the Canadian Parliament makes the laws in this country and that these are the laws to be observed.

Mr. Lewis: Apparently certain subsidiaries of United States companies do not know this and have not known it in the past. Will the Acting Prime Minister take steps to see to it that the U.S. wage freeze is not imported into Canada when such is not Canadian policy?